other aspects, has since submitted its report. The recommendations of the Committee are under consideration by the Government. Further necessary action in the matter will be taken in due course.

**Grant-in-aid to Non-Government Organisations**

593. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of non-government organisations and institutions in Bihar who applied for recurring and non-recurring grants-in-aid for Rs. five lakhs and more than ten lakhs during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) details of the organisations and institutions out of the above whose applications were rejected; and

(c) the reasons for rejecting the same alongwith breakup thereof, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Sugarcane Development Cess**

594. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Sugarcane Development Cess has been collected at the rate of Rs. 14/- per quintal by the Government;

(b) if so, the amount collected during the year 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(c) whether the amount given in the form of loan for various items from this fund during the past years has been recovered; and

(d) if so, the amount of recovered loan deposited in this fund during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Under the Sugar Cess Act, 1982, a cess at the rate of Rs. 14/- per quintal is being collected on all sugar produced by any sugar factory in India.

(b) Amount collected during the year 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

(Rs. in crores)

| Year | Amount Collected |
|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 165.47 |
| 1994-95 | 143.64 |
| 1995-96 | 172.40 |

(c) and (d). The amount of loan disbursed in 1993-94, 1994-95 & 1995-96 is as under :-

(Rs. in crores)

| Year | Amount Disbursed |
|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 115.28 |
| 1994-95 | 63.53 |
| 1995-96 | 55.06 |

The amount deposited in the fund after recovery during years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 is as under:

(In Rupees)

| Year | Total |
|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 47,61,97,815 |
| 1994-95 | 48,18,00,561 |
| 1995-96 | 34,31,23,830 |

**Drought in Madhya Pradesh**

595. SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the situation arising out of drought in Madhya Pradesh particularly in the Chhatisgarh region; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government to provide relief so far?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL & HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. According to information received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh/based on preliminary assessment, 21 Talukas of 8 districts in the State are facing serious drought conditions.

(b) Madhya Pradesh has a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of Rs.51.08 crores for 1996-97 for undertaking relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought. Three instalments of CRF amounting to Rs.28.73 crores have already been released to the Government of Madhya Pradesh during the current year.

**Tampering of Electricity and Water Bills of NDMC**

596. SHRI I.D. SWAMI :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has unearthed a multi-crore embezzlement scam in the New Delhi Municipal Council involving the tampering of electricity and water bills;

(b) if so, the details thereof;